



THE WHITE RIBBON BADGE

UK's leading charity engaging men and boys to end violence against women and girls. If any disclosures are made during the process, alongside your own safeguarding policy, please follow this guidance.

CHILDREN

If a child talks to you about domestic abuse, it's important to:

- Listen carefully to what they're saying
- Do not ask any leading questions
- Let them know they've done the right thing by telling you
- Tell them it's not their fault
- Tell them you'll take them seriously
- Tell them you'll only tell the people who need to know to keep them and you safe (you cannot promise not to tell the police)
- Do not confront the alleged abuser
- Make a written record immediately after the conversation with any verbatim that can be recalled
- Only share with professionals who need to be aware, confidentiality is key
- Report what the child has told you as soon as possible
- Report any immediate concerns to the police via 999
- Report any non-urgent matters via 101 or the Humberside Police Website

ADULTS

If an adult talks to you about domestic abuse, it's important to:

- Listen carefully to what they're saying
- Do not ask probing questions or investigate. However, establish if there are any children in the household and if so this will need to be reported to the police
- Advise the victim to keep a diary of all incidents and photographs of any injuries in a safe place away from the perpetrator
- Ask if they have a friend or family member that can support and look out for them
- Only share with professionals who need to be aware, confidentiality is key
- Advise them of local support agencies
- Make a written record immediately after the conversation with any verbatim that can be recalled
- If the victim is in immediate danger or risk, ask the victim if they are happy for you to report to the police. If they say no, encourage them to with your support and report it to the police together. If the answer is still no, then you may have to overrule that decision if there is an immediate safeguarding risk and advise them of this
- Consider 101 or online report to police if not immediate but you feel the need to report directly

SIGNPOSTING FOR VICTIMS TO SUPPORT AGENCIES

If you're experiencing domestic abuse, there are support organisations that understand your specific needs. Below you'll find a list of organisations who can assist you.

The police

Call the UK police non-emergency number, **101**, if you need support or advice from the police and it's not an emergency. If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use our textphone service on **18001 101**.

The Blue Door – www.thebluedoor.org

Specialist service with groups supporting victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence across North and North East Lincolnshire, Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council – www.eastriding.gov.uk

Information on domestic abuse and support services available for East Riding of Yorkshire residents.

Hull Women's Aid – www.hullwomensaid.org

Provides temporary accommodation, online support and a 24-hour telephone helpline for women fleeing from or living with domestic abuse.

Safer NEL – www.safernel.co.uk

Website combining key services to help safeguard children, adults and families in North East Lincolnshire.

Winner, The Preston Road Women's Centre – www.purplehouse.co.uk

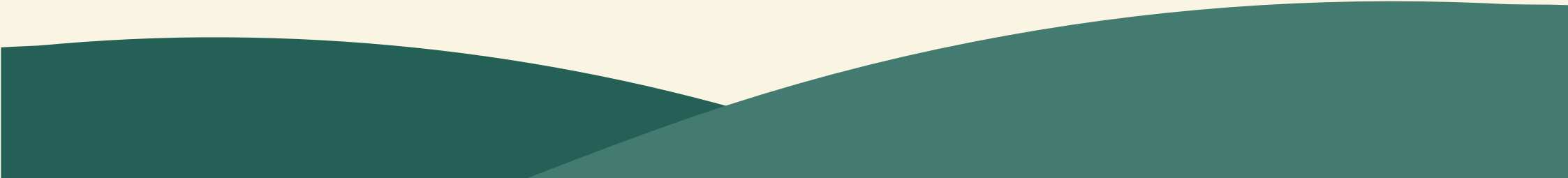
Information, support and advice for women in Hull. Multi-purpose organisation run by women for women, offering a wide range of services.

Women's Aid NEL – www.womensaidnel.org

Organisation offering refuge and a range of support for women across North East Lincolnshire who have experienced domestic abuse.

White Ribbon UK – www.whiteribbon.org.uk

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NATIONAL LINKS FOR STALKING

National Stalking Helpline – www.suzylamplugh.org/how-can-the-helpline-help

They give practical information, support, and advice on risk, safety planning and legislation to victims of stalking, their friends, family, and professionals working with victims.

PALADIN: Trauma-informed stalking advocacy – info@paladinservice.co.uk

Established in 2013, Paladin assists high-risk victims of stalking throughout England and Wales.

Action Against Stalking – www.actionagainststalking.org

A non-gendered service for victims of stalking that provide a unique throughcare service designed to address all aspects of the experience of being stalked.

Protection Against Stalking – www.protectionagainststalking.org

A national charity working within communities to raise public awareness about stalking and support victims of stalking through providing specialist support services.

Victim Support – www.victimsupport.org.uk

An independent charity that helps people affected by all types of crime and we provide free confidential support 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year for people affected by crime and traumatic events.

USEFUL GUIDANCE

NSPCC: Types of abuse – www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/domestic-abuse/

SafeLives: Getting it right the first time – safelives.org.uk/practice-support/resources-other-professionals/getting-it-right-first-time-top-tips-professionals

Women's Aid Directory – www.womensaid.org.uk/womens-aid-directory/

Hull City Council: Worried about a child – www.womensaid.org.uk/womens-aid-directory/

This guidance has been prepared by **Humberside Police**, supported by **Hull Domestic Abuse Partnership** and is specifically designed to provide **Scout and Girlguiding Leaders** with important advice to refer to, in the event of any form of disclosure related to the White Ribbon Badge.

The White Ribbon badge was initially launched in 2022 as a joint initiative between Humberside Scouts and the High Sheriff of the East Riding of Yorkshire.

